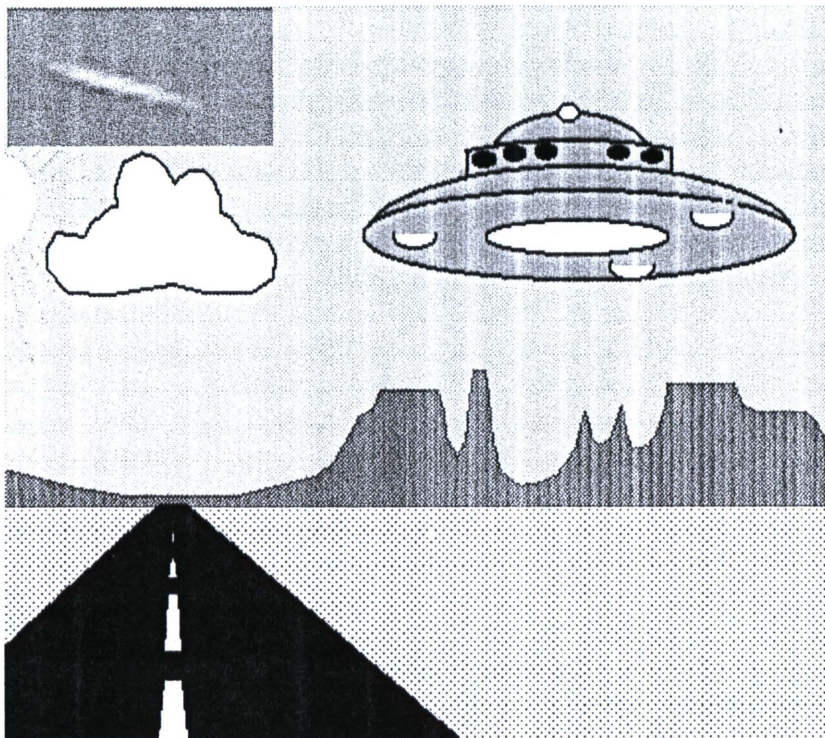


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**ALEX BIRCH AND FORT BELVEDERE PICTURES**

The well-known photograph of UFOs taken by Alex Birch in Mosborough, Sheffield is now claimed again as genuine by its photographer on his website [www.photofantasia.co.uk](http://www.photofantasia.co.uk), and states that other objects have been seen later. It generated high-level and even royal interest at the time taken, then ten years later Alex said it was a hoax. I never believed this, because of a letter from researcher Philip Rodgers (see his story on <http://www.spacevoice.fsnet.co.uk>) in 1963 to *Saucer Forum*, the magazine I was then editing:

"Since the sensational pictures of flying saucers taken by 14-year-old Alex Birch in 1962 which has received world-wide publicity, your readers (of *Saucer Forum* magazine) may be interested in other sightings in that area which have come to my notice. Alex Birch, his family and friends have made several sightings since, one in November 1962 at night, and another in March 1963. The former sighting was of a strange object in a field near the Birches' house. It was cigar-shaped and about twenty-five feet long. Alex, his brother and mother saw this object and immediately afterwards Alex rushed to the phone to tell me of his experience. I took a tape recording of this spontaneous interview.

"In March 1963 my sister received an excited telephone call from Alex Birch senior, the father of the now famous boy. Apparently the youngster had seen a saucer at about 50 yards range, having a good view of its underside, which shone with a blue light. Having his camera handy with a colour film in it he took a photograph. This was a great disappointment because the picture showed practically a blank, a fact which may have been due to radiation from the craft.

"Early this year (1963) there have been many sightings from people in Mosborough, including one during a football match, so much so that the citizens of that Derbyshire mining village take flying saucers practically as a matter of course. One of the most significant sightings, however, occurred two years before Mosborough hit the saucer headlines. This was by two boys, one Geoffrey Green, aged about eleven years at the time. I was lucky enough to meet Geoff in the village recently, and heard his story at first hand. He and his pal were playing on the waste ground near where the famous photograph was taken one night when they noticed a fiery, circular object floating to earth and diminishing in size. As it landed, Geoff's friend touched it, but withdrew his hand quickly saying "Keep away from it, it's hot!" Then, before their eyes, the jelly-like object disintegrated into ashes and finally disappeared,

leaving not a trace.

"Nobody in Mosborough, least of all Geoff Green himself, understood the significance of this experience, for the reader will no doubt be acquainted with Desmond Leslie's account in *Flying Saucers Have Landed* of a man claiming to have touched a jelly-like object which disintegrated before his eyes. He may also recall George Adamski's account in *Inside the Space Ships* of an explanation by the Space People of how they harmlessly disintegrate remote controlled discs when they get out of control and land on Earth".

*Source: Saucer Forum April 1963*

Alex says on the site:

"It was 1962 - I was fourteen years of age - and I had just caught the bug in photography - using a roll of 127 film in my nearly new Kodak Brownie Camera, I was lucky (or unlucky) to get a shot of a formation of Flying Saucers over a field at the rear of our house in a small village called 'Mosborough' nr Sheffield in England - the photograph lives on, and its still published somewhere World-Wide almost everyday, be it through Television, Magazines, Video Documentaries, Books, Web Sites, or copies of Government Files, it just seems to go on and on, I have not managed to equal that feat on anything else that I photographed in the last 40 years, it is also a fact that myself and my family have seen such objects many times, sometimes in close proximity, it is also a fact that most of these encounters were witnessed by independent people who I did not know, and had never met before, unfortunately the opportunity of taking a photograph never presented its self again, in retrospect perhaps that scenario has been a blessing in disguise - so here is my web site - with some of my aspirations, my views, and a small window into the 40 years of my amateur photographic career.

"I will state that I have had sightings of other UFO's and Paranormal experiences, before and since the initial photograph in 1962, luckily most of these encounters and experiences were witnessed by independent people, or by my family who were present at the time, It would be better for me to keep such sightings or experiences to myself, history has proven to me that there is no benefit in sharing, My advice - if every one has one of these encounters, you will have no doubt within your mind that it could not be anything else - but a UFO - revel in your experience but tell no one.

"I wish Stuart Dixon and David Brownlow who were present when the photograph was taken back in 1962 the best of luck, I fully understand that such an account if



brought back today would be a serious detriment to any career, especially when you are in higher management of a multi national - and again its easier to take the route of denial that I made in 1972 than face the barrage of indignation and obvious threat to a career in later life, Stuart Dixon's last remark to a journalist in 1998 was - 'let them think what they want about the photograph - I do not care anymore'. That just about sums up the discreditable attention all three boys have experienced from 1962 to today.

"If anything I hope I have exposed the many who have - stolen my work, sold my work, published my work, or used the photograph without even asking my permission, with a total disregard to copyright law -



Alex Birch's original photo.

I also ask what right have any of these people or their assemblies to elucidate and criticize on something they have taken without my permission! it is such people and organizations that should be discredited - and not the three who were part of this rare encounter.

"So remember all you aspiring photographers - if you see an alien getting out of a saucer, and you have your camera with you, the best thing to do is to place the camera on the floor and jump on it with all your might! and hurry away!"

I noticed that the photographs I took from Fort Belvedere on Friday, September 5th, 2003 had certain similarities to the Birch picture - seeming to have a "bubble effect" that was commented on by Tony Wedd in an issue of his magazine *The Crow*; he thought the small "bubbles" in the top saucer and the larger ones in the right-hand one represented the craft in various stages of disappearing - either becoming invisible or going into another dimension.

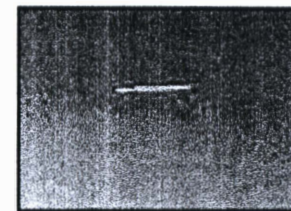


The three pictures taken in quick succession from Fort Belvedere

## NOTES AND NEWS

### Cigar in Martian sky

The August 2004 issue of *Fortean Times* reported on this cigar-shaped object seen from Mars, on the BBC News Online web site:



"The US Spirit rover on Mars has seen a UFO streak across the Red Planet sky. Astronomers say it could be the first meteor seen from the surface of another world, or a redundant orbiting spacecraft sent to Mars 30 years ago. "We may never know, but we are still looking for clues," said Dr Mark Lemmon, from Texas A&M University.

"Whatever it was, Spirit was lucky to catch sight of the UFO as the rover's main mission is to look downwards to study rocks and soil on the planet. Only occasionally does it raise its sights towards the sky to study the atmosphere of Mars. But it was on just such an occasion when Spirit was observing the sky with the green filter of its panoramic camera that the roving geologist came across the surprise - a streak across the peach-coloured Martian heavens.

"Mission controllers say the streak was probably the brightest object in the sky at the time. If the UFO was not a shooting star then it could have been one of seven out-of-commission spacecraft that still orbit Mars. From the object's motion, scientists do not think it was the Russian probes Mars 2, Mars 3, Mars 5, or Phobos 2; or the American probes Mariner 9 or Viking 1. That leaves Viking 2, which has a polar orbit that would fit with the north-south orientation of the streak. In addition, only Viking 1 and 2 are in orbits that could produce the type of motion as fast as that seen by Spirit".

*Dr David Whitehouse*  
BBC News Online science editor

### Lancashire Pennine encounter:

And in the same issue, this encounter:

"Kids thrilled by close encounter of mystery kind.

"Mystery in the skies... Daniel Hamer, Louis Stansfield, Jessica Hamer and Cameron Stansfield. A group of children playing in Littleborough reckon they have had a close encounter with a UFO.

"So vivid was their experience at about 7pm on Thursday they have started to draw

what they saw. They say the spacecraft hovered slowly just over the rooftops for several minutes and then shot off at hyper speed.

"Lindsey Stansfield, of Timbercliffe, Summit, said her sons, Louis, aged eight, and Cameron, aged five, were playing with friends on a trampoline outside their home when they spotted the 'extra terrestrial'. She said: "The children saw the object flying slowly above the houses. Some of the children thought it was triangular in shape and others square, but it could have been to do with what angle they saw it."

"It had red lights around the edge and yellow lights in the middle. They rushed in to tell us about it, but the time we got out it had gone. The children say the object had stopped above the house behind us and then shot off in hyper drive. Later that evening they started drawing pictures of what they had seen. I would like to know if anyone else in Littleborough saw the object."

"Louis said: "I looked up and saw some lights flashing in the sky. I went in the house to get my mother, but when we went out it had gone."

"A spokesman for the National Air Traffic service said: "There was no reported alien activity in controlled airspace that we are aware of." A spokeswoman for the Ministry of Defence said: "I am not aware of any other reported sightings. We do have a UFO report line telephone number so that people can report things which they cannot explain."

"She said sightings were checked to see if they had any defence significance, whether the UK airspace may have been compromised by hostile air activity. But this had not been found to be the case. "We believe that there are rational explanations for such sightings such as aircraft lights or natural phenomena," she added".

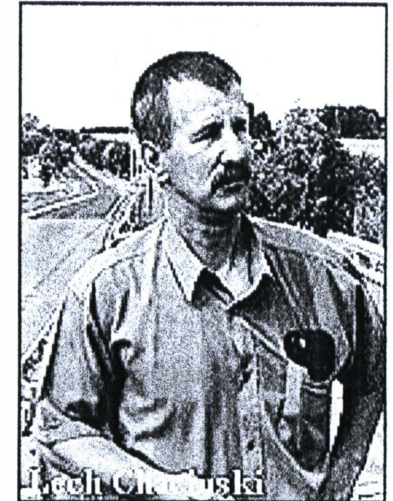
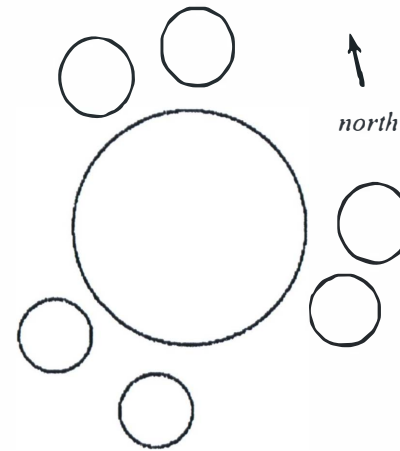
*Stephen Foster*

#### **Encounter in Poland, with crop circle**

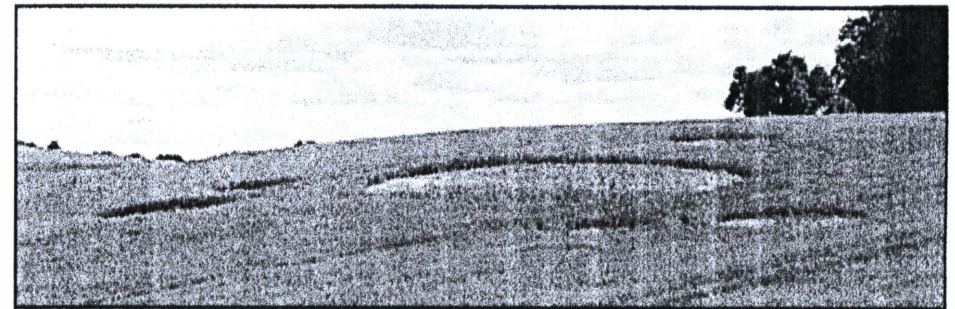
Eileen Roche alerted me to this encounter, on the website of Brian Vike, Director, HBCC UFO Research, <http://www.hbccufo.com>:

"An account of a close encounter of the third kind comes to us from Poland. The incident occurred on August 11, 2003. Lech Chacinski was driving down the road in the early morning hours, about 5:00 A M, when he saw three figures standing on the shoulder of the road. Oddly, they were standing in a triangular formation. They

wore uniforms similar to that of an astronaut. The encounter was near the small city of Szczecinek, and its roads, as usual, were deserted during the wee hours of the morning.



*place of the landing ufo like witness saw it  
witness said that ship used pilers with two round  
ends to stabilize own position on irregular ground*



Enthralled with the three strange beings, he slowed down to see if his eyes were deceiving him. When he got a closer look, he immediately knew they were not astronauts. The three moved toward the front of his car in the same triangular pattern. The closest being to him raised one arm as a signal for him to come to a complete stop. Chacinski states that "something" had told him to stop, though he heard no voice. Feeling almost frozen, he raised the driver side window as the beings moved toward him. He could now clearly see one of the beings, except for a darkened helmet. He could not make out facial details, except for big, black eyes. On top of the helmet, there was something that Chacinski thought to be a



communications device.

As the full realization of what he was seeing overcame him, Chacinski wanted to run away, but before he could, he saw a strong beam of light come from the top of one of the beings helmet, which he associated with the question; "Do you hear us?" To this, the frightened man answered in his mind, "YES!" He was prompted to exit his vehicle, and asked what type of material his car was made of. He was now able to see all of the being's uniform. The spacesuit was bluish in color; the shoes had a metallic look; and on the chest of the alien was a rectangular electronic device with lights moving. The beings asked Chacinski other questions also, like; What kind of material are your clothes made of? How does your vehicle work? What kind of fuel does it use?

He answered their questions, telepathically, and they told him they had come to deliver a message to the inhabitants of Earth, and this message was given only to him. We should care about our planet; our water and air. If we neglect our environment, they will cause our destruction.

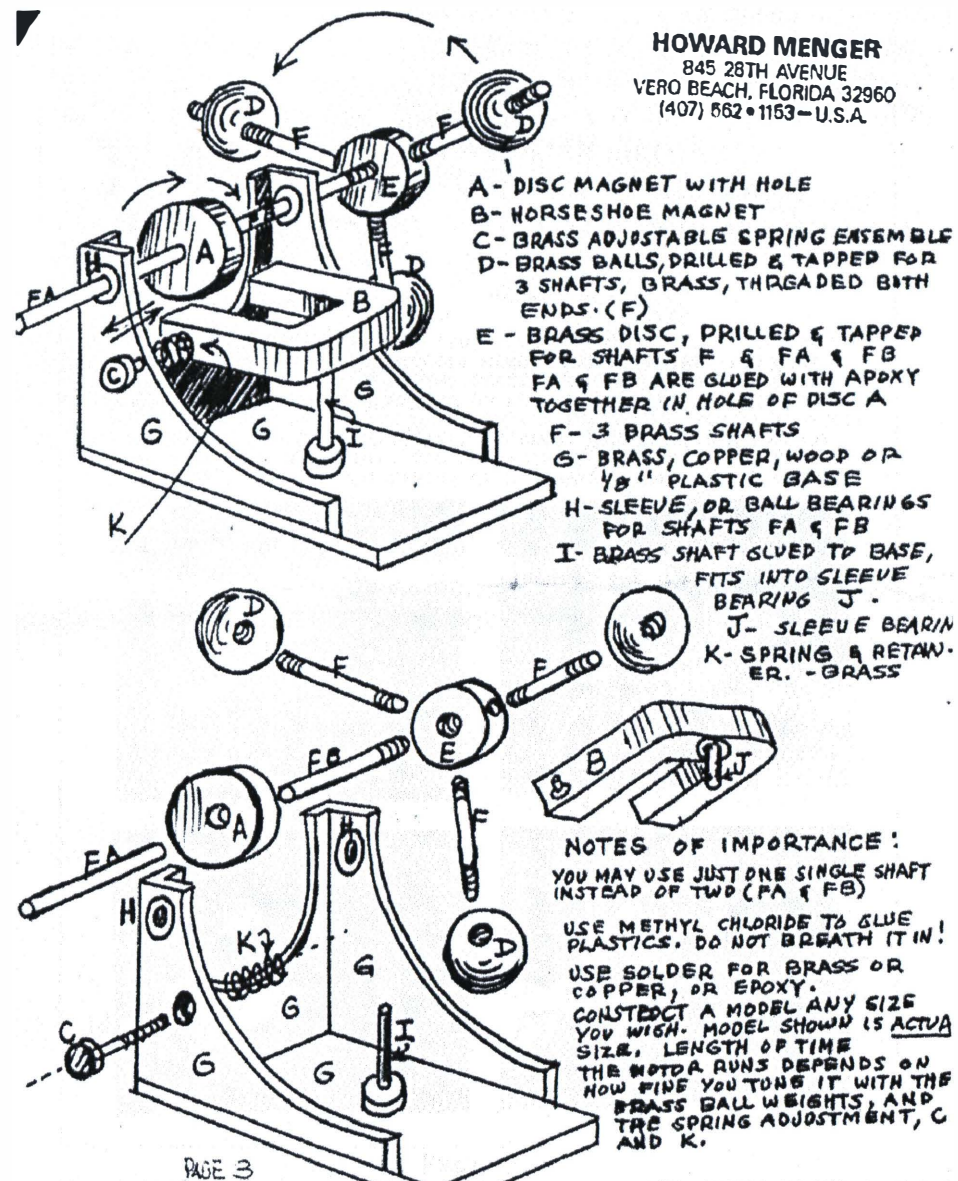
Finally, Chacinski asked one question of the alien beings; which he was able to convey telepathically. "Where do you come from?" They replied, "Eight Galaxy." While Chacinski stood in awe, the three moved up into the air about six feet, and flew to their waiting ship, which was about 100 yards away. From the bottom of the ship, a beam of light took the three into the craft, and as it did, a fog appeared around the UFO, which was sitting on three legs, and adorned with mult-colored lights. Soon, the ship rose about 50 feet high; and disappeared from sight. The area of the encounter is also one where crop circles often appear, and also where Chacinski's picture was taken. This incredible report of a close encounter in Poland is still under investigation.

### The Menger Motor



In his book *From Outer Space to You*, Howard Menger has a picture of a magnetic motor, but does not describe its specifications, and Tony Wedd tried to get the details with thought communication, and these were put on the *Legacy of Tony Wedd* CD-ROM. Ciro Giordano of Naples ordered a copy and when he received it he said he was pleased with it but that the Menger motor is made from a special configuration of magnets and weights, not from the exotic composition listed in the

description. He said he had the entire plans of construction directly from Menger. I was most interested, as I know Tony would like to have had these; he scanned them and emailed them to me:



Ciro writes:

Here a pic of the device. The apparatus need to be tuned to work properly. You need a mechanical engineer to do this and it can run for months without stopping!

Today I will contact a my friend in Germany. He has the photocopies of the Menger apparatus to defy the gravity of a aluminium disk. I will try to reply the experiment in the near future.

Probably the Menger story of the Moon, Venus, Mars, etc. is true. I have a deceased friend that had the similar experiences with the spacepeople. In one of the latest, he sent signal in the space by a special gravitational transmitter made with his own theories. (I saw it). After some hours of functioning of the device, in the back of his house, an ufo landed and two people came from it. They says to stop his device because it interferes with the spacepeople transmissions. They speak telepathically, and says to came from Mars. They invite my friend to visit the saucer: my friend see that there are no command on the panel boards of the saucer. One of the two men says that they control the entire craft telepathically.....!!!!

### **Speculative ufology and the ghostly greys**

In the current issue of *Pegasus* (Vol 7, No. 3) of the Surrey Investigation Group on Aerial Phenomena, my name appears again as a symbol of early misconceptions about the nature of UFOs:

"Did you ever hear the chimes of midnight from Cradle Hill or were you on Newlands Corner the night Jimmy Goddard found his lump of masonry with putative alien inscriptions? If so you must be one of the very few survivors from the poetic youth of ufology, when every flying object was unidentified and the universe unscrolled its mysteries before our dazzled eyes".

Gordon Millington, the editor, then says we are now in a time of speculative ufology, when we discuss from our armchair what it was all about. This does indeed seem to be the true attitude in many cases, a kind of academic snobbery relegating holders of the "Extraterrestrial hypothesis" to a status given to the "Ancient Britons" in Victorian times.

However, in his article on "the ghostly greys" further on in the issue, Gordon brings his own speculation to bear, bringing us a terrifying picture of a Grey agenda involving a hybrid breeding programme and even spreading viruses like AIDS and Ebola.

In an introductory section on the contactees, Gordon explains that they are really abductees because their compliance was brought about by deception "which caused them to believe, and later proclaim, that their revelations were genuine". However, if the aliens were deceiving then, why did they not continue to do so? In fact we find a complete difference in nature between the contactee and abductee experience. Feelings of calm and the presence of wisdom predominate rather than the terror of the latter type; there is no lost time, forced memory loss, or Oz effects (eerie silences) in the former. Major Hans Petersen feels that the opposite is true, that the grey phenomenon is the result of psychotronic induction of hallucinations by terrestrial agencies, to prevent communication with the real space people which might affect vested interests in our society.

Some of the cases Gordon cites seem to give evidence for this. One was the "out-of-the-body" case of Maureen Puddy, who described the inside of a UFO where she believed herself to be to astonished UFO investigators sitting beside her in the car. Another was the case of the three women apparently abducted from near the Wrekin, near Shrewsbury. There was missing time and the cone of silence, but hypnosis revealed a different story from each, with even different kinds of ufo-naut. In the case where a physical rape was claimed, Gordon suggests himself this may have elements of mentally induced simulation, as all reports agree the greys have no genitals! This raises another question - if they have no genitals, not even female ones, how can they produce hybrids with us?

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### **THE STAR FELLOWSHIP VIDEO - This video contains three titles:**

<b>THE ADAMSKI SCOUTSHIP</b>	<b>A VISIT TO TONY WEDD COUNTRY</b>	<b>THE ALBURY SIGHTING</b>
The "classic" flying saucer, as photographed by George Adamski. Yet some claim they have never been seen - this video shows otherwise, with numerous independent sightings, including some from the U.K. It also contains George Adamski's own account of his first contact on the California desert, from his talk in London.	A visit to Chiddingstone, the home of Tony Wedd, founder of the STAR Fellowship. See Tony's home, as well as the Chiding Stone, the Bull Rock cave, and Chiddingstone Hoath, all mentioned in Tony's writings, as well as other ley points in the area. Also the talk Skyways and Landmarks, with Tony's own voice and slides.	Denis Shipwright gives the details of his sighting from Newlands Corner, Guildford, the day before we went to the site and found a stone with strange markings, which seemed to closely match a photograph of Mars taken two years earlier by Mariner 4 space probe. Details of the Mars picture and its correlations, and UFO sighting as the signals were being received.

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# **THE HIDDEN UNITY and BEGINNINGS**

*The Hidden Unity* looks at the strange phenomenon of subconscious siting of ley points, and notes that places of worship, of all religions and all ages, tend to predominate on leys. The environmental and philosophical implications of this are discussed, and the apparent necessity of worship but irrelevance of doctrine. Two ley centres are given as examples, and investigated in depth - the Shah Jehan Mosque in Woking and the Guru Nanak Sikh Temple, Scunthorpe. There is an appendix by Eileen Grimshaw on the significance of the Pagan religion to this study. Illustrated with photographs, maps and line drawings. **£2 plus 30p p&p from the Amskaya address. Please make cheques payable to J. Goddard.**

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## **EARTH PEOPLE, SPACE PEOPLE**

In 1961, Tony Wedd produced a manuscript *Earth Men, Space Men*, detailing many claims of extraterrestrial contact. It was never published, and I had thought it was lost, though it has recently been located. To try to make up for the loss in a much more modest size, this booklet was prepared. As well as giving details of some of the more prominent contact claims, there are articles on the history of the STAR Fellowship and some of its personalities, evidence for life in the Solar System and investigation into extraterrestrial language.

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